



The Illinois Department of Corrections

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Ivan Glynn
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Re: Freedom of Information Request #191122215

Dear Mr. Glynn:

This letter is in response to your request to the Illinois Department of Corrections ("IDOC") pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1, et seq.

You have submitted the following request:

I request that a copy of the following documents [or documents containing the following information] be provided to me: video footage and audio footage from the security cameras of the Dayroom of the Joliet Treatment Center (2848 McDonough St, Joliet, IL) on November 11th, 2019 and any footage of Dorm 7 on November 12, 2019.

Response: IDOC does not maintain or possess audio footage. The video footage is denied pursuant to Section 7(1)(e) of the Freedom of Information Act which exempts the release of "Records that relate to or affect the security of correctional institutions and detention facilities." The Public Access Bureau has previously determined that security camera videos from inside correctional institutions are exempt from disclosure under section 7(1)(e) of FOIA (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(e) (West 2014), as amended by Public Acts 99-298, effective August 6, 2015; 99-346, effective January 1, 2016), which exempts from inspection and copying "[r]ecords that relate to or affect the security of correctional institutions and detention facilities." See, e.g., Ill. Att'y Gen. PAC Req. Rev. Ltr.23336, issued April 21, 2014, at 2 (concluding that disclosure of security camera footage from inside correctional institution to correctional officer depicting an incident in which he was injured would jeopardize security because it "would reveal blind spots that inmates could exploit to evade detection of actions that could endanger other inmates and/or staff members.")

You have a right to have the denial of your request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your request for review with the PAC to:

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You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the state circuit court, pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/11.

If you choose to file a request for review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this denial letter (5 ILCS 140/9.5(a)). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this denial letter when filing a request for review with the PAC.

Sincerely,
Lisa Weitekamp
Freedom of Information Officer